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(4) Karungulam Block in Tirunelveli district.

(5) Madurantakam in Chingleput district.

(6) Killiyoor in Kanyakumari district.

(b) Rs. 3,13,750.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know whether these hand-made paper units will be self-supporting ? I ask this question in view of the fact that during the Third Plan period, Government propose to start a number of factories for manufacturing paper.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir; although not initially, they will be self-supporting ultimately.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : For what purposes are the Government going to use this hand-made paper, when mill-made paper will be available in large quantities ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : For various purposes for which stationery is required. Hand-made paper lasts, and it stands wear and tear. Perhaps the hon. Member knows quite well about the merits of hand-made paper.

Minimum age-limit for appearing for S.S.L.C. Examination

*95 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the minimum age-limit fixed for appearing for the S.S.L.C. Examination; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to lower that limit in the case of girl students ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) 15 years, to be completed on or before the first day of the month in which the examination is held.

(b) No, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : In view of the fact that practically all girl students come up quicker in studies and in view of the fact that parents also desire that their girls should complete their studies before they get married, will the Government kindly consider relaxation of the rules in the case of girls ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Exemption is very freely given. Therefore, there is no cause for grievance.

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : Early education impairs their physique and I think age-limit should not be lowered.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That is why this age-limit has been fixed. Hereafter, we will have age-limits for each class. Therefore, under the new scheme, they will be able to reach the S.S.L.C. only when they are 14 plus and not before.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : இந்த வயது வரம்பு 'எக்ஸெம்ப்ஷன்' பெண்களுக்கு மாத்திரமா, அல்லது ஆண் களுக்கும் கூட உண்டா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : இப்போது இது இரு பாலருக்கும் கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது. ஆனால் புதிய திட்டப் பிரகாரம் அவர்கள் 14 வயதிற்குமேல்தான் எஸ்.எஸ்.எல்.ஸி. வந்து சேரமுடியும்